

Appln No. 10/760,273
Amendment dated May 30, 2006
Reply to Office Action of April 28, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of April 28, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 6 that the printhead integrated circuits are mounted to the support member via a fluid distribution member and that each fluid distribution member incorporates a laminated stack of layers with each layer having successively smaller diameter apertures for distributing the printing fluid from the support member to the associated printhead integrated circuit;

dependent claims 2, 6, 8 and 9 are amended to conform with amended claim 1;

dependent claim 5 is cancelled; and

dependent claims 3, 4, 7, 10 and 11 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application as the subject matter added to claim 1 is currently recited in claim 6.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the anticipation and obviousness rejections of claims 1-4 and 8-11 over Silverbrook et al., Silverbrook and Lu, based on the above-discussed amendment of independent claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 6 which the Examiner indicates is allowable over these references in the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,
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